THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and the same will be placed on the Table of the Sabha.

Tender for Coal handling and other works of Allahabad Locoshed

1901. SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that after opening of tenders and announcement of rates on 8th June, 1987 for coal handling and related works of Allahabad Loco Shed, it was discovered that rates quoted by M|s. A. K. Mishra and Co., Loco Colony, Allahabad, were not only lowest but financially advantageous to the Railway administration; and

(b) what are the rreasons for the Divisional Railway Manager, Allahabad, not to allot the contract with effect from 22nd June, 1987 instead of reverting back to departmental working by diverting track maintenance staff to perform coal handling work in Allahabad Loco Shed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In terms of the tender conditions, the offers are required to be valid for 90 days to enable processing and evaluation, consideration of the relative merits of the various offers by the Tender Committee, framing of recommendations and acceptance of the same. The tender in question was opened on 8-6-1987 and its complete evaluation could not be completed before 22-6-1987 when the short term contract expired. As such departmental working was introduced to avoid dislocation in Railway operation. The contract has since been offered to Shri A. K. Mishra & Co. on 31-7-1987.

Navodaya Schools in Tamil Nadu

1902. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the answer to the Starred Question 43 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 29th July, 1987 and state:

(a) whether any Committees have been or are being constituted to ensure speedy implication of various aspects of the New Education Policy; if so, the details thereof;

(b) what is the number of Navodaya schools, started in South India, especially, in Tamil Nadu! and

(c) whether there was any response from the State Governments for starting Navodaya schools there?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) (I) Seven Central Advisory Board of Education (CABE) Committees have been set up at the Centre to monitor the thrust areas of the New Education Policy:—

(i) Committee on Housing Facilities for Women Teachers.

(ii) Committee on Transfer of Teachers.

(iii) Committee on Scheduled Castes|Scheduled Tribes and other educationally deprived groups.

(iv) Committee on Content and Processes of Education, particularly at the School Stage.

(v) Committee Elementary Education (including Operation Blackboard and NFE).

(vi) Committee on Management of Education.

(vii) Committee on Vocationalisation.

(II) High Power Committee have been set up by almost all the State Governments and UT Administrations to monitor the implementation of New Education Policy.

(b) 16 Navodaya Schools have been opened in South India. No Navodaya Vidyalaya has been set up in Tamil Nadu.

(c) The State Government of Tamil Nadu has not made any proposal so far regarding the location of Navodaya Vidyalayas in the State. That Government has expressed certain reservations regarding the medium of instruction in the Navodaya Vidyalayas.

DTC transport system

1903. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that DTC Bus transport continues to go from bad to worse despite various steps taken so far;

(b) whether traffic scene in the capital is chaotic largely due to mismanagement by inexperienced traffic authorities;

(c) whether all route passes have been issued without involving consumer organisations and other activist individuals; and

(d) whether Government propose to set up at least 8 Consultative Sub-Committees and one Apex body with active and voluntary groups participations as has been done by Food and Civil Supplies Directorate of Delhi Administration and DTC routes rationalised suitably?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) No, Sir. The average fleet utilisation during June, 1987 compared favourably with that in the corresponding month of the previous year.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The scheme of issuance of all route free passes to selected honorary commuters introduced in September, 1986 on experimental basis has since been withdrawn.

(d) No, Sir.

Tribal boys educational institutions in Madhya Pradesh

1904. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the working group on Seventh Five Year Plan for Tribal Development had recommended that adequate financial grants should be provided by the Central Government for the construction of buildings for tribal boys' educational institutions; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to provide financial assistance for the construction of eight Model Higher Secondary Schools for boys, five girls' educational complexes and one Gurukul Vidyalaya to the State of Madhya Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.